

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

SEVERE WEATHER/FLOODING

SITUATION REPORT # 14

1430 Hours 17 July 2006

New Information in Bold Italics

Next Situation Report will be distributed on Wednesday, 19 July.

SUMMARY

The combination of tropical moisture steered northward around a low pressure system near Florida and a stationary frontal boundary across the Mid-Atlantic and New England States led to substantial rainfall and flooding across portions of the Commonwealth beginning 23 June and successive severe weather systems have continued to impact the Commonwealth.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation:

The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Response Operations, monitoring weather and river flow reports, assessing totality of the event's impact across the Commonwealth, producing Situation Reports and coordinating response and recovery efforts with local governments.

State of Emergency:

Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a Statewide Emergency on June 28, 2006 directing State Agencies to take all necessary actions to aid in the recovery from flooding, mudslides and potential tornadoes that have affected the Commonwealth since June 23, 2006. Governor Kaine requested a Presidential Declaration for Individual Assistance, Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation on 30 June for the counties of Alleghany, Arlington, Augusta, Bath, Botetourt, Dickenson, Fairfax, Highland, King George, Montgomery and Rockbridge and the independent cities of Alexandria and Salem.

President Bush declared a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia on 13 July due to damage resulting from severe storms, tornadoes and flooding during the period of 23 June to 6 July. The City of Alexandria, the Counties of Alleghany, Arlington, Bath, Dickenson, Fairfax, Highland, King George and Rockbridge were designated to receive Public Assistance along with State, Local Governments and certain private nonprofit organizations. All jurisdictions in the Commonwealth are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The request for Individual Assistance is pending further review.

Protective Actions:

Local Emergency Declarations:

City of Alexandria – 26 June

Botetourt County – 27 June

City of Salem – 27 June

Fairfax County – 27 June ***expired 7 July***

Bath County – 14 July

WEATHER FORECAST

Forecast:

Hazardous Weather – Hot and humid conditions will impact the Commonwealth this week with heat index values up to 110 possible on Tuesday, July 18. There is a slight risk of severe thunderstorms during the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, July 18 primarily in Northern Virginia.

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Monday, 17 July – ***Heat Advisory issued for Northern Virginia until 9 PM.*** Sunny, hot and humid. High temperatures in the low 90's to 100 with heat index values up to 105. Overnight lows from low 60's to upper 70's. Winds will be variable up to 10 mph.

Tuesday, 18 July – Mostly sunny, hot and humid. High temperatures in the low 90's to upper 90's with heat index values up to 110. Overnight lows from mid 60's to mid 70's. There is a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening in Southwest and Northern Virginia. Winds will be West-Southwest 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday, 19 July – Mostly sunny, hot and humid. High temperatures in the low 90's to mid 90's with overnight lows in mid 60's to low 70's. Winds will be variable up to 5 mph.

OPERATIONS SECTION

State Warning Point: Receiving Local Situation and Initial Damage Assessment Reports from localities and state agencies.

Local Liaison: Standing by to assist local governments and state agencies as requested. ***VDEM Region 6 Coordinator assisted Bath County Officials with Initial Damage Assessment on 14 July.***

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner has confirmed two storm-related fatalities: one in Rockbridge County and the second in Alleghany County.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

ESF 1 – Transportation: **Virginia Department of Transportation:** ***As of 1330 hours 14 July, VDOT reported no Primary roads and 3 secondary roads closed.***

ESF 12 – Energy: **Dominion Virginia Power:** ***All storm related power system outages have been restored. .***

Electric Cooperatives: All storm related power system outages have been restored.

RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)

Initial Damage Assessment Reports:

<i>Locality</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>Public*</i>
Albemarle County	\$25,000	\$175,000
Alexandria City	\$4,600,000	\$3,540,000
Alleghany County	N/A	\$46,000
Arlington County	\$6,000,000	\$6,970,000
Augusta County	\$500,000	\$341,000***
Bath County	\$343,800	\$180,000
Bedford County	N/A	\$12,000
Botetourt County	\$342,065	\$313,900
Carroll County	N/A	\$15,000
Charlottesville City	\$100,000	N/A
Chesterfield County	N/A	\$241,424**
Craig County	N/A	\$15,000
Dickenson County	\$25,000	\$168,000

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Fairfax City	\$600,000	\$24,490
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Floyd County	N/A	\$145,000
Franklin County	N/A	\$30,000
Fredericksburg City	N/A	\$10,000
Galax City	\$25,000	\$53,000
Henry County	N/A	\$222,500
Herndon, Town of	\$8,000	\$4,000
Highland County	N/A	\$13,500
King George County	N/A	\$170,000
Loudoun County	N/A	\$110,000
Martinsville City	\$77,500	N/A
Mecklenburg County	N/A	\$300,000*
Montgomery County	\$20,000	N/A
Patrick County	N/A	\$105,000
Pittsylvania County	N/A	\$125,000
Prince William County	\$55,000	\$61,000
Roanoke County	N/A	\$74,084****
Roanoke City	N/A	\$45,000
Rockbridge County	\$18,000	\$155,000
Salem City	\$57,000	\$22,055
Vinton, Town of	N/A	\$1,500
Warren County	N/A	\$65,000
York County	\$170,200	\$1,000
Total	\$17,002,050	\$16,631,498

*Includes VDOT estimates

**Includes damages submitted from the Virginia State Police (\$241,424)

***Includes damages submitted from the Dept of Forestry (\$341,000)

****Includes damages submitted from Department of Mental Health (\$5,714 - Catawba Hospital)

FEMA has identified a site at 4800 Cox Road, Glen Allen, Virginia for the Joint Field Office which is expected to be open later this week. The FEMA Management Team, headed by Gracia Szczech, is expected to arrive during the afternoon of 17 July and meet with the VDEM Management Team.

Virginia Department of Emergency Management and Fairfax County Officials participated in a community meeting on 12 July with residents of the Huntington Community of Fairfax County that were impacted by flooding. In response to a FEMA request, Virginia Department of Emergency Management and County staff are collecting damage information from residents to supplement data collected during the County's damage assessments. Virginia Department of Emergency Management staff is onsite at the Huntington Community Service Center to assist with data collection and other recovery activities.

Local governments continue to update IDA as more information becomes available. All dollar amounts given are the best available information at this time.

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) damages assessed at \$6,094,900. This amount is not eligible for FEMA reimbursement.

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Private/Non-profit organizations (electric cooperatives) have reported damage assessments of \$64,891 with additional reports still pending.

Joint federal/state/local preliminary damage assessments teams have captured damage assessment information throughout Virginia and the data have been passed to FEMA for their review and assessment.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES:

Localities continue to assess damages and report losses to the VEOC.

The City of Fairfax submitted an updated Initial Damage Assessment on 14 July of \$24,490 (Public) for damage sustained during the severe weather/flooding 25 June.

Bath County submitted an Initial Damage Assessment on 17 July of \$343,800 (Private) for damage sustained during the severe weather/flooding 25 June.

The City of Alexandria submitted an additional Initial Damage Assessment on 7 July of \$165,000 (Private) and \$13,000 (Public) for windstorm damage sustained during the 2 July through 4 July high winds.

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